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RAPID PROGRESS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Russian Council of Empire, After Three Years of Opposition, Decide on Principles of Equality—Only Christian Religions are Permitted

(Western Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—A more progressive attitude has been exhibited by the Council of Empire at its present session by the passage of the bill for religious freedom, which it had kept in the committee stage for over three years.

Though the measure issues from the Council of Empire in a stage greatly differing from the version passed by the Duma, and with amendments limiting somewhat the operation of the principle of equality of religions, it is generally recognized that this principle has been satisfactorily sustained by the upper chamber.

The object of the manifesto was to remove the administrative ban upon conversions from orthodox non-Russian in the provinces of Kazan, Simbirsk and Penza returned from Christianity to Mohammedanism and other heresies in virtue of the right granted by the manifesto. Nearly half a million ex-Catholics and ex-Orthodox (United Greeks) who had joined the state church under compulsion, at various periods of violent persecution, returned to the fold of the Catholic church in virtue of the same right, and liberty of passing from one denomination to another was taken advantage of by all who had felt oppressed by their religious compulsion.

The bill deals with the passage of one Christian confession to another, or from a non-Christian confession to

CONFERENCE MAY END IN FAILURE

CHINESE GOVERNMENT CONFIDENT REVOLUTIONARIES ARE PREPARING TO ATTACK PEKING.

(Western Associated Press.)
Peking, China, Dec. 23.—In government circles here there seems to be little doubt that the conference at Shanghai between representatives of the imperial government and Revolutionary party will prove a failure. The belief prevails that the Revolutionaries are preparing to advance to the north by way of Pukow, which is in their possession.

REINDEER COMING TO YANKEE TABLE

FIRST COMMERCIAL SHIPMENT OF ALASKAN REINDEER IS RECEIVED AT SIATKA

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Reindeer meat from Alaska may be a food coming to the American table in the near future. This opinion was expressed today by William P. Lopp, in charge of the government reindeer service, who has just returned from a tour of inspection through Alaska, on behalf of the United States Bureau of Education.

"A commercial shipment of reindeer meat, the first made into this country, has just been received," said Mr. Lopp. "In 25 years hence at the present rate of increase there should be three million prime beef reindeer in Alaska, on which the people of this country can depend for much of their food."

WINNER OF THE GRAND PRIZE



MRS. C. CARNEGIE, 327 Picard street, Edmonton, winner of the Piano in the Capital's Dot Counting Contest. Mrs. Carnegie's count was 5503 and was the first correct coupon drawn from the contest box.

DADDY COULDN'T COUNT A FEW LITTLE DOTS

The Carnegie Household Had a Dot Counting Contest All of Their Own—They Bought a New Lamp, But Disagreed as to the Totals—Daddy Was Wrong

Quite an amusing little human-interest story goes with the winning of the Capital's grand prize in the dot counting contest, a story which shows that the maternal head of the family is quite as likely to be right most of the time as paternal.

Mrs. Carnegie is Swedish by birth, and, parenthetically, it was her quaint Swedish handwriting, wherein a capital "C" is made to look like "Cl," that led to the mistake which the Capital made yesterday in announcing her name as Mrs. Carnegie. Mr. Carnegie is Scotch, with the Celtic penchant for statistics and exactness. The Carnegie family recognized at once a chance in the Capital dot contest. They had been subscribers for the Capital since its initial issue and they were paid up to date, but they wanted it as long as they were in town and here was a chance for a good thing. So there started within the family a sort of a home-circle dot-counting contest. There was Mrs. Carnegie and Mr. Carnegie and two daughters. Everybody counted, but there was such a wide range between the first counts that they were sure that somebody was very far wrong. The light was not just right, so they bought a new lamp and started all over again. Finally the mother and the eldest daughter arrived at the same figure, 5,504, but Mr. Carnegie was still in the eight hundreds and so were the female members of the family were wrong. And then everybody counted again. This time the ladies arrived at 5,503 and they were sure of it. But Mr. Carnegie was still in the eight hundreds, and he thought he ought to be able to count a few dots if anybody could. And what was more, he was going to put in his count. But not with Mrs. Carnegie. She knew how many dots there were, because hadn't she counted them herself? And he could put in his old five thousand eight hundred and something if he wanted to, but 5,503 dots looked like a dollar's worth to Mrs. Carnegie, and that count was certainly going in. Which it did.

Mr. Carnegie is a coal mine foreman by profession, and since counting the dots he has left for Lignite, to take charge of the mine there. So far he does not know who won the piano. When the Capital man arrived at 327 Picard street yesterday to inform the Carnegie household that they were the lucky counters and had won the piano, incredulity soon passed into joyousness at their good luck—and then the woman of it came out in the sudden chorus: "That's a good one on daddy!"

The list of the remainder of the prize winners over and above those whose names were announced as winners of the principal prizes yesterday will be found on the last page of today's Capital. If you were a counter scan the list closely and see if your name is not among the winners. The Capital office will be open until 10 o'clock this evening handing out prizes to the winners. Come in and get yours.

TURBO-GENERATION SET TO BE READY BY JANUARY FIRST

Heavy Demands for Alternating Current Makes It Necessary That Big Machine Start Turning Out "Juice" at the Earliest Possible Date

Probably by the beginning of the new year—if not before—the new two thousand kilowatt steam turbine electric generator grinding out alternating current, will go in commission and the power situation will be alleviated a bit. At present time the big turbine which by the way is one of the smallest machines in the plant, is being rapidly put into shape. Night before last the powerful hoist the erectors stand, and clearances were taken while the whole elephant and gas machine was shut down. When the gas machine operates, vibrations are so intense that no machine can stand the shock, and it is not until the machine is adjusted in its neighborhood. "Work has been rushing on the new machine since the necessary repairs have been reached Edmonton. Everything is now here, at last. Even the exciter set has arrived and is waiting to be put in place. And the new machine is to be ready now to soon.

Short of Alternating.

A. W. Ormsby, superintendent of the

INSPECTORS EDSON TRAIL CONDEMNED

Strathcona, Dec. 23.—John Wilson, of Grande Prairie is one of the progressive settlers in that famed neck of the northwest, who has a genuine grievance against man-made conditions in the settlement of his choice. Mr. Wilson came in to the city yesterday and he does not hesitate to relate some of the hardships which the Grande Prairie homesteaders have to put up with. He has something besides roses to hand out to both federal and provincial governments and he promises that a good valuable lesson will arise from the Peace River regions unless there are changes in more than one direction, and that the new government trail to the Prairie from Edson.

Despite the fact that inspectors of the provincial government were supposed to supervise the opening of this road, Mr. Wilson says that he feels not unmixt with wrath that the work accomplished is a disgrace. Stumps are left in several places in the trail and the state of mind of the travelling homesteaders when he gets hung up on these stumps is really beyond imagination. Mr. Wilson was subjected to some of these hold ups on his way out and his reference to the road is forcible enough to carry a good measure of conviction.

Another grievance which Mr. Wilson carries with him out from the

MINERS REQUIRED.

Wick, England, Dec. 23.—The Gros Teley coal pit here was flooded today by a sudden influx of water. Two hundred miners were below in the workings at the time and it was feared many of them would lose their lives, but all were brought safely to the surface.

OPERATORS' ORDER IS DISCHARGED

WORKMEN AT ALBERTA COAL MINES ORDERED TO RETURN TO COMPANY'S PROPERTY.

Workmen in the mines of the Alberta Coal company's mine at Gardfield have disregarded the order of the operators to move their tools and property owned by the company and are remaining where they are. Notice was given twelve days ago by the operators that in view of the fact that the workmen were no longer in the employ of the company they would be required to give up possession of company property they were occupying in the vicinity of the mines.

A number of miners had been allowed to build houses on the company's land, for which no rent was charged. The miners claim that it is impossible for them to move as there is no available place for them to go.

NEGRO KILLS TWO AND WOUNDS THIRD

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 23.—Jack Gould and A. C. Barton are great, and Albert Holton is probably dying as the result of a shooting by an unknown negro, who entered the bar of the Manhattan saloon at four o'clock this morning and demanded twenty dollars. Holton is unconscious and has been unable to give any coherent account of the tragedy. Police are scouring the city for the murderer and are holding a white man named Grignon who was found on the premises when the police arrived, and who they believe witnessed the tragedy. An empty revolver was found by the police, Barton still recently was partner in the saloon but nothing is known of the other dead man.

NO PAPER MONDAY.

Owing to the fact that Monday is Christmas Day and a holiday, The Capital will not be issued.

PRAIRIE FIRE SWEEPS HIGH RIVER VALLEY DOING MUCH DAMAGE

Flames Driven Ahead of Raging Chinook Sweep Everything Before Them—Losses Very Heavy, But No Detailed Report Received to Date

(Western Associated Press.)

High River, Alta., Dec. 23.—Driven by the fiercest chinook of the season a prairie fire swept down from the foothills yesterday through Mosquito Creek Valley and licked up everything in its path. No detailed report of losses has been received, but it is feared they will be considerable, as much grain both threshed and unthreshed is still in the fields. Fire breaks could not be plowed on account of the frost. Three inches of snow last night extinguished the fire.

RECORD DECEMBER AT LOCAL LAND OFFICE

During First Three Weeks, Total Homestead Entries of Previous Years are Surpassed—Many Settlers Are Applying for Timber Cutting Permits

Although but three weeks of December have passed, already the homestead entries at the local land office are such as to surpass all records for the last 315 entries were received as compared with 297 the thirty one days of December, 1910.

In all months of the month has been a record December. No fewer than 400 settlers' applications for timber cutting permits have been received. Each settler is entitled to cut

H.B. RAILROAD TO REPORT FIGHTING BE PUSHED AHEAD

ROGERS INTERVIEWS "WARTHUR" AND MAKES THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.—REASON FOR DELAY

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—Following an interview with J. D. McArthur, contractor for the H. B. railway, Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of the interior, announced that construction would proceed at once. Delay has been due to the fact that the minister of railways, Hon. Frank Coleman, has been looking into the question of the railroad proper and what responsibility would rest with the government for providing transportation of western produce when it reaches a port of Hudson Bay.

TO INVESTIGATE POWER CHARGES

Won't Stand for Any Such Charge Presented in Any Such Manner, Says Waterworks Superintendent, Demanding an Explanation of Bill for \$6000

"To Charges, Nov. 1-30, 1911, \$6,177.58"—Powerhouse bill to water works department. Declaring that the power charges for the month of November are excessive, and demanding that the power be returned to the water works department in an itemized form, Superintendent A. Maclean of the water works department this morning figuratively walked on the ceiling at the meeting of the city commissioners saying that he could not do it. K. any as above. Further the superintendent said that the \$6,177.58 bill for power of last year which the pumping plant placed against his department, should have been paid for by the power house alone and that charges were not properly made. He stated that the superintendent of the power house to render him an itemized statement, showing how the power was spent during November. The waterworks superintendent took the position that he was being asked to stand for it any longer. At the rate charged for November the power would cost the water department more than \$72,000 for the year 1912, and this the water works superintendent desires to see in a bill for the year 1911 instead of having it continue to pile up as last year when it amounted to some \$67,000 when the year before the charges were only \$29,000 and practically no less water pumped.

As a result of the bill called by Superintendent Maclean yesterday afternoon has been set apart by the commissioners for a special show-down all around. Superintendent Huffman is to be asked to be present with his books so as to show his method of apportionment and just where the money charged to the water department was expended.

Itemized Statement. Superintendent Maclean asked the commissioners to instruct the power house superintendent to render him a more detailed bill, than a mere lump sum bill at him. "Would you pay a bill for over six thousand dollars presented to you your worship, rendered as this one is? Should you not know I am certain you would not. You would want to know a little more about it and I think I have a right to know." When asked concerning the point, Auditor Richardson stated that the power house superintendent should have no hesitation in rendering the statement as called for, as they must have all the figures in their hands. Providing they can explain their figures, as they should then be given. So long as the charges are approved as they are now, it is of a rate per thousand gallons being charged, it seems to me the water works department should be allowed to the figures, although they would not be furnished last year, I understand.

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RUSSIAN TREATY NOW CANCELLED

SPEAKERS OF SENATE AND HOUSE
AND PRESIDENT TAFT SIGN
THE BILL

(Western Associated Press.)
Washington, D.C., Dec. 22.—Congress today ratified the president's notification of the termination of the Russian treaty of 1907, and sent the measure to the president for his signature. The house disposed of it according to program within 75 minutes. Speaker Clark signed it at 2 p.m. Vice-President Sherman signed at 3.51 p.m., and the senate had remained in session purposely to permit him, under the rules, to affix his signature while it was in session. Tomorrow congress will recess for the holidays, which will be an important factor in the expedition of the treaty ratification.

THOUSANDS SEE MAN MURDERED

FOUR BANDITS SHOT DOWN BANK
MESSENGER AND STEAL
SIXTY THOUSAND.

Paris, France, Dec. 22.—The latest sensational murder here occurred this morning in broad daylight in one of the crowded thoroughfares of the city. A bank messenger who carried a satchel containing \$50,000 was stopped by four bandits. They invited the messenger to turn the satchel over to them and when he refused and offered resistance they shot him dead. The thieves then seized the satchel and jumped into a waiting auto, the murder and robbery were witnessed by thousands of amazed and frightened citizens.

LEAP OFF BRIDGE TO ESCAPE TRAIN

ONE YOUNG WOMAN IS DEAD AND
ANOTHER IS FATALLY
INJURED.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 22.—A shock-had accident transpired at Gainsville, 3 miles from Brantford, last night when Jessie E. Gibson, 19 years old, was killed after she had jumped in the darkness from the G. T. H. overhead bridge to the T. H. & B. tracks, 25 feet below, because of an approaching train on the bridge. A companion, Miss Lena Irving, also jumped and sustained a broken hip, nose and jaw, and internal injuries, and it is feared her injuries will prove fatal. In company with five other young ladies they were on their way to an entertainment at the Gainsville Baptist mission. All were boarders at the Y. M. C. A. In Brantford. In order to take a short cut they proposed to walk on the railway tracks to church. When they were on the bridge they heard the rushing of the train and the shrieks of the passengers. The other girls ran quickly to the end of the bridge and jumped to the ground. The Gibson and Irving girls, however, were caught midway. Both were later found unconscious. Miss Gibson having concussion of the brain, her head having struck a rail. She died in a few hours. She was the daughter of Principal Gibson of the Waterford public school. Miss Irving's home is in Forestville. Both have been popularly esteemed, having been boarders in the Young Women's Christian association here for a couple of years. Rev. C. H. Emerson and others also had a very narrow escape.

REMEMBER PRISONERS.

Convicts in All Penal Institutions in Georgia Will Be Observed at Yuletide.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—For the first time in the history of the state of Georgia the inmates of the prisons and prison camps of the state, will this year take part in the Christmas cheer which reigns at this time in all Christian countries throughout the world. For this they owe their thanks to the Atlanta committee of one hundred of the men and religious forward movement, which started the movement, collected the necessary funds and arranged for the distribution of the gifts to the prisoners through the Sunday schools in the respective localities. It has been arranged that in all prisons and camps short services will be held on Monday, followed by a distribution of gifts, including a small bible for every prisoner.

Gertrude Elliott may appear in a play by the late Graham Phillips, called "The White Magic."

Frank McHenry, George Bronson Howard's play, "Snobs," is to go to Chicago for an indefinite stay.

The Federation of Women's clubs in Philadelphia, has established a branch of the National Drama league.

Philip H. Bartholomae, the author of "Over Night," has written another comedy, entitled "Little Miss Brown."

George Bernard Shaw has been invited to write a play to be brought out by the New York Author's Producing society.

Jesse Lasky has successfully produced his one-act opera, entitled "California." The tabloid opera has fifteen soloists.

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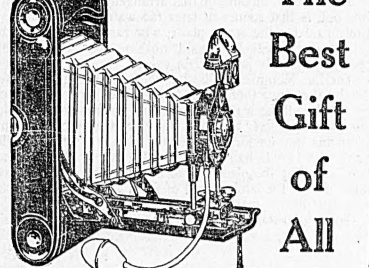
HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Victorian Sardou left a play which has never been performed. The first production will be an English version of the play under the title "Who Did It?"

Mabel Keightley, author of "The Supreme Test" and other plays, has secured the dramatic rights to "Sweet Alyssum," Charles Major's story of the Indiana oil fields.

Mildred Elaine, who had the prima donna role in "The Man Who Owns Broadway," has been engaged for a leading part in "The Opera Ball," in which Marie Cahill is to star.

Channing Pollock is now writing a comedy of modern New York society life, to be produced by Vassallina and Kenner, early next fall.



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Money Bylaws to Be Submitted Early

City Council to Sit Often Next Week, Until 1912 Expenditures in All Departments Are Decided Upon and the Program for New Year Is Mapped Out

Beginning next week, just after Christmas, the city council is to sit each evening to consider the estimates of 1912 expenditures in the various departments of city utilities. The city solicitor is to be instructed to get into shape some skeleton bylaws, having them ready to be filled in. When the 1912 bill is made up the bylaws are to be referred to the burgesses. The whole business is to be gotten in hand and voted on as quickly as possible in order to enable the 1912 work to begin just as quickly as possible. Material must be ordered in time to be delivered by the break of spring. Already bids have been called for steel and other materials and in some instances contracts have been awarded.



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THE OLD-TIME GREETING OF
"A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

And once again comes around the dear old Christmas time, the one season of all the year when we should be able to lay down our guard and extend instead in all sincerity the glad right hand of friendship to all the world.

The message is the simplest sentiment ever put into human speech, and yet the most magnificent:
"Peace on earth; good will toward men."

In the hurly-burly of human affairs, in the complexity of the strife for existence, how many of us spend our lives on the defensive, apprehensive, alert, vigilant and distrustful, lacking the complacent faith in human nature which makes toward a comfortable peace of mind.

And, possibly, not altogether without reason. For the man who follows the natural inclination to fight his way to the front will find the world cold and careless if not hostile and malignant. Friendships there will be, of course; friendships made more valuable by the very fact that the friends are immune—so far, at least, as he is concerned—from the self-centred sordidness which one meets in the highways of life. But the circle is small and one the whole the gamut of human experience in this day of intensity is more likely to make one resentful toward humanity, to regard the world as a camp of hostiles rather than a universal brotherhood, a friendly family with a common aim toward happiness.

And so, when once a year the good old Christmas time comes round again and one is warked back in memory to the trustful childhood days when all was pure and clean and honest and unselfish, to the golden days of long ago before our minds received the jars and jolts of treachery and unkindness which dint the mental armor and inflict on the soul the gaping wounds of anguish and distrust, it is with a genuine sigh of relief that for one day at least we lay down our guard and extend the glad right hand in a spirit of "Peace on earth; good will toward men."

If the Christmas season can do this for you, you are in a proper frame of mind to receive the old-time greeting of "A Merry Christmas."

THE WATER MAINS AND
THE INCREMENT TAX

The suggestion made by Ald. Dr. McInnis that all water rates should be charged on a frontage instead of a service basis comes very close to furnishing the solution of the water problem and of every other municipal problem of a like nature. So close, in fact, that Dr. McInnis is in danger of finding himself in the Lloyd George class of radicals.

When, as the doctor points out, a water main is extended along any certain street, the water takers are expected to pay, in their water rates, for the cost of the pipe line, for the pumping plant at the other end, and for the water that is pumped. Until the city is assured that there are enough users to guarantee six per cent. to cover interest and sinking fund the pipe line is not extended. But the owners of intervening property, many of whom are holding entirely for speculation and who never hope nor intend to become householders nor water users, most of whom, in fact, do not live in the city at all, enjoy the profit to be derived from an enhanced value for their realty, due to the fact that the pipe line has been laid, toward which they have contributed nothing.

The logical outcome of this arrangement, as the doctor points out, is that sooner or later the water takers will have entirely paid for the water plant, whereas the owner of the vacant property will have paid nothing, but will find his property immensely increased in value.

The Dr. McInnis idea is that the city should charge for water by the front foot, instead of by the service, allowing users to take all the water they require, but making the holders of vacant property pay their share of the cost of the plant. In this the doctor just misses the bull's-eye by the breadth of a blonde hair. Had he suggested that the capital cost of installing the plant should be taken from the increase in the value of the land instead of from a tax on frontage he would have hit the mark dead-centre.

To all who think the matter over at all, it must be plain that every dollar invested in water service, light plant, telephone, street railway, etc., etc., increases the value of adjacent property. And yet, according to the present arrangement, the residents alone carry the charge (through their service rates) with the cost and up-keep of the utilities which give to the property the increase in value. Manifestly, the place to charge the cost of the installation is against the increased value of the property, which increase this installation has created.

In other words, what is really wanted is the increment tax, and all the philosophic dissertations and scholastic treatises extant could not prove the justice thereof more plainly than this concrete instance of the water mains as cited by Ald. Dr. McInnis.

JUST PARAGRAPHS

"A Merry Christmas."

And be sure that your youthful hopeful does not catch you Santa Clausing.

Also remember that it would be a mean man who could enjoy a Christmas dinner if he knew anyone else who was without one.

The Christmas feeling gets into the air because it is put there. Are you sufficiently whole-souled to radiate a few vibrations of happiness?

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TO PRISON

(Western Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 22.—A punishment for carrying on a stock swindle by mail alleged to have extended over a period of two years and to have netted a million to profit, four promoters of the firm of Burr Brothers, Inc., reported, were each sentenced today to a year's imprisonment on Blackwell's Island.

The prisoners are Shelton C. Burr, president of the corporation, his brother Eugene H., who was secretary-treasurer, Charles H. Tubey, vice-president, and Edwin Wesley Preston. Unexpectedly they offered pleas of guilty before Judge Holt of the criminal branch of the United States circuit court late today. The indictment upon which they were called to face trial specifically charged a swindle involving \$750,000 in connection with the sale of the stock of the People's Association Oil Company, but the government alleges this was but one of a series of frauds estimated to have involved nearly \$5,000,000 with \$15,000,000 profit to the promoters.

BRITISH ARE FAR
FROM DISTURBED

CONTENT THAT PREFERENCE
SHOWN AMERICAN SHIPS AT
PANAMA DOES NOT AFFECT
TRADE

(Western Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 22.—British shipowners apparently are not at all disturbed at President Taft's suggestion, contained in the message he sent to Congress yesterday, that a preference should be given to American ships in connection with tolls to be charged for passage through the Panama canal.

They argue that outside of the canal trade from which they are already barred, British ships will continue to do the carrying trade of the United States even if American ships are allowed to use the canal free of tolls. The reason for their optimism they explain, that it costs 50 to 70 per cent. more to build ships in America, and 40 per cent. more to operate them than in the United Kingdom.

RUMORED BORDEN
TO BE KNIGHTED

SOME OF THE NEW YEAR'S HONORS
TO FALL ON SHOULDERS OF
PREMIER

(Western Associated Press.)
Ottawa, Dec. 22.—According to information received in Ottawa today through the English Mail, Premier Borden will be Sir Robert L. Borden after the distribution of the New Year's honors. The conferring of knighthood upon the prime minister thus early in his administrative career will be a recognition of his fight for British connection and unity of the empire in the recent election. The honor in this case might of course come from the king without any recommendation from Ottawa.

JURY THREATENS
TO GO ON STRIKE

AND AS RESULT LENGTHY INVESTIGATION OF THE CAMORRISTIC
COMES TO AN END

(Western Associated Press.)
Rome, Dec. 22.—The cause of the collapse of the Camorristic trial at Viterbo was the threat of the jurors to strike. They notified the president of the court that they needed no additional evidence and this with the refusal of witnesses to attend, brought about a farcial crisis in what had been regarded as a farcial proceeding. The prosecution indicated that the closing arguments would require two weeks and the jury became furious. Sixty witnesses were called for one day this week and not one appeared.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 22.

1588—Duke of Guise assassinated by command of the French king.
1722—Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor of the spinning-frame, born.
Died August 3, 1792.

1805—Joseph Smith, founder of Mormonism, born. Died June 27, 1844.
1829—President Guerrero of Mexico, deposed by Gen. Santa Anna.

1824—Joseph A. Hanson, an Englishman, patented the "Hansom Cab."
1824—An earthquake destroyed the Japanese cities of Amakusa and Simoda.

1861—Funeral of the Prince Consort.
1874—A Liberal ministry was organized in Canada, with Edward Blake as premier.

1889—Henry W. Grady, famous orator, died in Atlanta. Born in Athens, Ga., May 24, 1850.

THIS IS MY 61ST BIRTHDAY.

John H. Worst.

John H. Worst, president of the North Dakota Agricultural college and prominently mentioned as the successor of Secretary Wilson of the United States department of agriculture, was born in Ashland county, Ohio, December 22, 1850. After completing his education he became in turn a country

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who was badly burned about the face and hands. The building took fire but the blaze was quickly extinguished by the fire brigade. The explosion

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PET OWNED BY MEMBER OF PRIN-
GLE COMPANY HAD TRYING
EXPERIENCE.

E. R. Stanley, business manager of the Della Pringle company, is responsible for the following story, and vouches for its truthfulness. Some years ago C. K. Van Auker, now leading man of the Della Pringle company, closed his "season's" work in a large eastern city, and not caring to remain idle during the summer months looked around for something to do. Mr. Van Auker learned that one of the three circuses was in "quarters" and would open their tour in a short time. Out to the winter quarters Van went, made himself known, started his business, and finally landed what is considered a very good position, that of ticket seller. The circus opened, and the usual routine of work was gone through each afternoon and night for several weeks. One day a parrot escaped from its cage, and after much chasing by different employees, "Polly" sought refuge on the ticket wagon. It was during the afternoon show, so Polly was left to herself for a time. When the ticket sale was closed, Van Auker got busy, and finally closed the parrot into the wagon, and strange to say Polly immediately made friends with her new master, and positively refused to leave the wagon. During business hours Polly would sit in the ticket window, wisely watching all that happened. When a big "rush" was on Van Auker had acquired the habit of saying, "one at a time gentlemen, one at a time." One hot afternoon a month later Polly took a notion to leave. After the wagon closed Van Auker started to hunt for his pet. The circus lot was near a corn field, and a good place for Polly to hide. Over in the lot Van Auker, he walked a short distance when he heard a commotion in the corn. Walking in the direction of the noise, which grew louder each second, Van Auker suddenly came upon the scene. There was poor "Polly" surrounded by fifteen or twenty crows, all her bright plumage scattered over the ground; she was putting up a game fight and saying: "One at a time gentlemen, one at a time."

**BUSY SEASON IN
BIG METROPOLIS**

USUAL YULETIDE FEASTS AND
CHARITIES HELD IN NEW
YORK

(Western Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 23.—Today being the last shopping day before Christmas and a half holiday for many thousands of workers who had no time during the week to make their purchases, the street cars, the streets and the shops were crowded with shoppers all day, especially in the afternoon. For weeks the slogan "Do your shopping early" had been hammered into the general public and, no doubt, a great many persons gave heed to the admonition, but it is human nature to be forgetful, especially during the excitement of Christmas shopping. The result is that even "early shoppers" crowd the shops during the last hours available. A large percentage of the crowds consists of people of the poorer classes who were compelled by financial reasons to postpone their shopping to the last minute.

Judging from the preparations made Christmas will be unusually bountiful this year. As usual the poor will be remembered throughout the city. The Salvation Army has arranged to distribute 30,000 Christmas baskets among the deserving poor this year and the Volunteers of America will probably feed as many more. Food and other gifts will also be distributed by the Bowery Mission, the Bowery Y. M. C. A., at the Young Men's Home, at the Home of the Little Mothers, the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Frigid Sons and scores of other charitable institutions.

The Newboys will have their customary Christmas feast, given to them in memory of their late benefactor William M. Pusey, while Frank Tifford will preside at a spread and distribution of gifts to the Little Mothers. Big "Tom" Sullivan, the Lord of the Bowery, has arranged to feed 5,000 persons at his annual Christmas banquet. In addition to that scores of wealthy men and women have made liberal arrangements for having baskets with food and other gifts sent to poor families in various parts of the city.

The inmates of the prisons, of the various charitable institutions and even of the hospitals will, in a limited measure, take part in the general holiday cheer. All kinds of good things and delicacies will be on their Christmas menu to replace for that day at least the severely plain though nourishing fare of other days. In many cases the inmates will also be entertained with music, singing and even with moving pictures.

The several hundred fugitives detained at Ellis Island will make their first acquaintance with American Christmas cheer. They will be given a regular Christmas dinner and afterward entertained with music and addresses in German, Italian, Polish and a few other languages. Aside from the large public distributions there will be countless distributions upon a smaller scale under the auspices of churches and private individuals and, generally speaking, the poor of the city will be well taken care of.

Marquard Leads Pitchers.

Baseball figures compiled last Sunday show that Babe Marquard of the Giants led all the National league games won. His official average gave him a percentage of .777.

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NEWS FORECAST FOR COMING WEEK

THREE IMPORTANT CONVENTIONS
SCHEDULED—SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES MEET—INTERNATIONAL TENNIS

Washington, D.C., Dec. 23.—With both houses of congress adjourned and the other machinery of government at a practical standstill, there promises to be little doing in the national capital to divert public interest from the enjoyment of the holiday season. Many notable social functions are planned for the week in Washington. One event that society is anticipating with unusually keen interest is the debut of Miss Margarette Draper, daughter of the late William F. Draper of Massachusetts, who will make her bow at a fancy dress ball on Wednesday night. This function, which will serve to introduce the richest unmarried woman in Washington, is expected to surpass in splendor any coming-out affair ever given in the capital city.

President Taft on Wednesday will give welcome to 5,000 scientists who are to gather in Washington for the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the meetings of the numerous societies affiliated with the association. At the end of the week the President will go to Philadelphia to participate in the John W. Wamaker fiftieth anniversary celebration. On the evening of the same day (Saturday) the president and several members of his cabinet will be in New York to speak at the citizens' peace banquet to be given at the Waldorf-Astoria.

In addition to the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science the yearly gatherings of numerous other scientific, learned and educational societies will mark the holiday week. Many of the state organizations of school teachers also will hold their annual conventions between Christmas and the New Year.

Apart from the educational rallies the only important conventions scheduled for the ensuing seven days are the annual meeting of the American Association for Labor Legislation in Washington, D. C., and the annual convention of the American Association of Passenger Agents, in Jacksonville, Fla.

The national indoor championships of the Amateur Athletic union, to be pulled off in Madison Square Garden the nights of Tuesday and Wednesday, will contribute to the holiday enjoyment of the devotees of athletics.

Also of interest to the followers of sport will be the international tennis matches between the Davis team, defending the Dwight L. Davis international trophy, and the American challengers. According to the latest advices from the antipodes the first round in the challenge matches is to be played Saturday at Christ church, New Zealand.

XMAS AT COURT. (Special to The Capital.)

Madrid, Dec. 23.—Although the public or State observance of Christmas at the Spanish court principally a religious function, regulated by strict rules and precedents, concessions to German and English traditions have been made in the royal family ever since Queen Christina set up the first Christmas tree in her palace at Madrid. This year there will be a special tree for the youngest member, recently born, of the royal house, although the little princess is still too young fully to appreciate the meaning of it.

ADDRESS PEACE MEETING. (Special to The Capital.)

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—The Georgia Peace Society has concluded arrangements for a mass meeting to be held in Atlanta tomorrow to urge the ratification of the arbitration treaties now pending in the United States senate. Henry Watterson, the Louisville editor, has accepted an invitation to deliver the principal address.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Notwithstanding the threatening war clouds upon the political horizon there will be the customary old-fashioned observance of Christmas of the imperial court this year. Thirteen live Christmas trees from the royal forests of Bismarck have been set up in the large hall of the new palace at Potsdam and everything is in readiness for the great event. The two largest trees are for the emperor and the empress, while the smaller ones, diminishing in size according to the age of those for whom they are intended, are for the six sons and daughters of the emperor, the wives of Crown Prince Frederick William and Prince Eitel and the children of the crown prince.

LEADING PAPERS DISPLAY THE DANGER SIGNAL AGAINST ALUM IN FOOD.

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XMAS SHOPPING ENDS WITH RUSH

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and Stores Making Final Purchases for Some
Remembered Friend or Relative

It is all over today, this being the last shopping day before Christmas. Thousands of men, women and children, in masses and classes, have been putting finishing touches to their shopping for the yuletide. Stores have been crowded all day from early morning. The weary foot of the shop people will know no rest until late this evening. Everybody, perhaps, is and the shopping season is over. All the dawn of Christmas morn, bringing peace and good will to men, and incidentally Santa Claus to not a few. All day today the street cars were thronged with people coming to the business section to finish shopping. Several thousand this afternoon have been enjoying a half holiday and these individuals found it necessary to do their Christmas shopping because no opportunity had afforded itself heretofore. Notwithstanding the fact that the slogan "Shop Early" has been running in the public ear for the past six

weeks, there are those who failed to heed. Others today remembered a forgotten friend. Others received through the mail a present from a source they had not anticipated, and found it necessary to hurry a package for redempption. For one reason and another this Christmas eve is not unlike all those of the past, the crowd being thickest on street and in shop, and purchases briskest. Christmas this year is to be most beautiful in Edmonton. There will be many a Christmas tree at a happy bedside. For the past week evergreen trees have been brought to the market and disposed of. Everybody will certainly have a touch of Christmas cheer, will be made to feel the joy brought to the world by the event the 25th of December celebrated. At the churches special musical programs will be held. The Salvation Army will hold its Christmas meetings. The hotels are planning big Christmas dinners. Christmas cheer and joy

SCOTTISH CURLERS SAIL. (Special to The Capital.)

Glasgow, Dec. 23.—With the choirs of many enthusiasts ringing in their ears, thirty of the foremost representatives of Scottish curling "talent" sailed away on the Allan Line-Island today for Halifax, where on New Year's Day they are to begin a tour of Canada. The trip will take them as far as the Pacific coast and in the course of their trip from sea to sea will try their skill against the best rivals in many of the leading Canadian cities.

WANTED — ALL PERSONS
who are worried over the selection of Xmas Gifts to see the grand array of useful and ornamental gifts now on view at ROSS BROS.' Retail Dept., corner Jasper and Fraser. (See detailed list, page two.)

Notice

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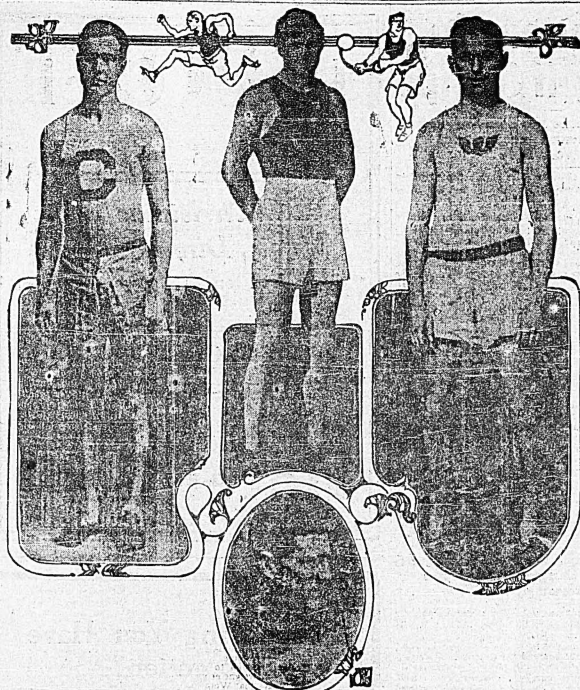
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GUILTY! ??



CHAMPIONSHIPS AT N.Y. NEXT WEEK

THIS MOST IMPORTANT EVENT TO
DECIDE NATIONAL SUPREMACY
OF INDOOR STARS.

(By Monty.)
New York, Dec. 23.—Big champions and little champions will pound the boards at Madison Square Garden next Tuesday and Wednesday night and before the last faint runnings have died away, there will be proclaimed the national indoor kings of the United States. The juniors will fight it out on Tuesday and the seniors on Wednesday.

In many ways this will be the most important athletic event of the winter "off" season. First, of course, is the consideration that it will decide the national standard for competition as to the men who will represent America at Stockholm next summer in the Olympic games.

As was predicted by the writer several weeks ago, when the programme for the indoor "champs" was first announced, this banner occasion of the winter season will show in competition together more first classers men than ever before clasped beneath a roof.

It has generally been the case with indoor championships in the past that practically all the entries were the members of clubs in Greater New York. However, this year there are several top-notch westerners entered, and the New England States have a large representation. The eastern colleges have also supplied a goodly number of the aspirants for indoor honors, and the tilt between Harvard, Yale and Cornell shining lights for previous medals will be well worth watching.

Excellent Junior Events.
Many of the intercollegiate stars will be eligible for the junior events, but the majority of them will stay out of these so as to be in prime fettle for the more strenuous tests on the following evening. While the junior events doubtless will produce some excellent contests and records, some few events possibly being run, a better time than by the seniors, the big interest is naturally crystallized in the competitions that are unlimited as to eligibility.

With the exception of a few of the so-called "occasional" field events, in which there are only a few well-known performers, every contest on the card will be bitterly fought, from the shortest dash all the way up to the five-mile run.

The spirits will bring together a remarkable quartet in Alvah Meyer, of the Irish-American A. C. of New York; Jim Rosenberger of the same outfit; Huggins Foster, the former Harvard track captain, and Richard Craig, the Michigan flyer who holds the record in the 220 yard sprint.

The mile distance will show a wonderful array in Jan McGee, Harry Gising, Leroy Dorrain, Mel Sheppard, Tewillinger and Vanden, of New York, and Oscar Heiland, the Boston strider. Several of these will pit their prowess against John Paul Jones, of Cornell, in the half and mile. It is almost a certainty that Jones will be extended to smash one or both of the indoor records.

Some Crack Hurlers.
In the hurling line there are half a dozen collegiate cracks, as well as the Eller brothers of New York, who will be fought out by Moffat, of Harvard, and the Gothamites—Grummet, Adams, Fielding, Erickson, Alborn and Oler. The weights will be easy for the New Yorkers, McGrath, Walsh, Duncan and Sheridan.

Probably the most "significant" event of the entire meet will be the five-mile senior, in this George Bonham, the champion, who must have of Cornell and Lewis Tewanina, the Carlisle Indian. A man who can win a good five-mile indoor is generally timber for the Marathon outdoor. This is certain to be a cutting race, as no two of the "big three" have ever claimed before.

Speaking of Tewanina in the light of a Marathon runner recalls his experience in the last Olympic Marathon, the one at London. In that race he was looked upon as the best of the American contingent, although he had been running but a few months. Accordingly Joe Forshaw, of St. Louis, the veteran of the team, who had finished eighth in the Olympic classic at Athens, was given the job of acting as Tewanina's running mate, to pace him and give him much-needed advice along the way.

At the twelfth mile, when Tewanina was in sixth place, the "Achilles" tendon on his right heel gave way. Forshaw did the best he could to fix up the little Indian, but it was to no avail. Finally, after all but five or six men had passed by, Forshaw decided to give up his efforts with Tewanina, whom he helped into one of the emergency automobiles. Joe then set sail for the rest of the field, which by this time was strung out for five miles when he arrived upon the Stadium ahead.

One by one he cut them down, and, track began the last final sprint, Dorando was just being helped across the line. Joe was going like a steam locomotive and, had the race been half a mile longer, he would have passed Johnny Hayes and Hefferon, of South Africa, who were ahead of him. As it was, Forshaw finished officially third, which was no mean honor in itself, but the story of his remarkable thirteen-mile sprint through the hordes of straggling athletes, is worth retelling. Probably never again will such an exhibition of fight against odds be displayed in any Marathon. Libellus said that, if Joe had run for himself all the way, he would have finished ahead of the whole bunch.

And now comes word from the Mount City that Forshaw is going to "come back." He has been on the required list since that race, but he has always been a clean-living fellow, so he feels confident that he can stand up to be able to deliver the goods. His presence would add a little to the sentiment connected with the race, and it is our earnest hope that the Olympic committee see enough merit still in the veteran Joe to select him to represent his flag for the third time.

CHICAGO TAKES BILLIARD GAME.
At Chicago A. J. Harris of Chicago defeated E. V. Calner and Dr. William Campbell of St. Louis, 50 to 27, in the three-cushion series of the National Billiard league.

CLARK WINS BILLIARD GAME.
George Clark won the tenth game of the national class B billiard series at Doyle's academy in New York, defeating Mark Mathews, 10 to 9.

O'BRIEN TO SUCCEED GRAY.
Joseph D. O'Brien of Milwaukee, former president of the American association, has been appointed secretary and general manager of the New York National league baseball club by John T. Brush to succeed William Gray.

HORACE FOGEL IS RE-ELECTED.

Horace Fogel will be president of the Philadelphia National league baseball for another year, having been elected to the position at a meeting of the Philadelphia club.

BRECKENRIDGE TO COACH NAVY.

The baseball team at the naval academy will be coached this spring by E. Breckenridge, who had such a successful season when at Amherst college two years ago.

GIANTS DEFEAT CUBANS.

The Cubans again demonstrated their superiority over the Almadaras baseball club by winning a well-played game, 5 to 2.

HARRIDGE SUCCEEDS M'ROY.

William Harridge of Chicago will succeed Robert M'Roy as secretary of the Boston American league baseball club. The announcement was made by President Ben Johnson.

The Giants won their second consecutive game from the Almadaras baseball team by a score of 3 to 2.

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Field officers—Officer commanding, Lieut-Col. W. F. W. Carstairs; Major

F. A. Osborne.
Staff Officers—Adjutant Lieut. E. A. Brown; Quartermaster, Hon. Capt. D. A. Reid; Medical officer, Lieut. J. L. Biggar; Chaplain, Hon. Capt. D. O. McQueen; Signaling officer, Lieut. R. H. Stuart.
Company Officers—Captains W. S. Wee, W. B. de L. Harwood, P. Anderson, G. B. McLeod, A. C. Gillespie, E. B. MacKenzie, C. K. Flint, H. F.

Whitaker; Lieutenants V. C. Mulvey, C. R. A. Ketter, R. V. Bellamy, E. W. McInnis, W. H. Adams, E. G. Hawkins, H. Kennedy, F. B. Owen, W. J. Shortreed, H. L. Emerson, A. E. Burley, H. L. Willson, S. R. Farquharson, R. Young, A. T. Gilley.
Corps Reserve—Capt. O. F. Strong, Lieut. H. B. Spratt, Capt. J. V. E. Carpenter, Lieut. E. E. Delevault, Lieut. A. H. Powley.

McDOUGAL CHURCH CONCERT PROVES A SUCCESS

The children's concert given in McDougall church last evening was one of the most successful affairs of its kind ever pulled off in the auditorium, everyone enjoying immensely the different numbers. The programme was as follows:

Chorus by School—"Christmas Everywhere."
Vocal Duets—May Grant and Winifred Horrocks.
Recitation—Olga Horner, "Looking for Santa Claus."
Primary Class Chorus.
Piano Solo—Vera Tomlinson.
Recitation—A Nickerson.
Boys' Chorus—"Come Unto Bethlehem."
Primary Class Drill—"Ten Little Grandmothers."
Girls' Chorus—"Christmas Bells."
Chorus by School—"Hail the Christmas Morning."
Recitation—Master Hunter.
Drill Drill by twelve girls.
Boys' Chorus—"Christ the Savior is Born."
Recitation—Henrietta Smith.
Girls' Chorus—"The Babe of Bethlehem."
Daisy Drill by ten little girls.
Recitation—Reggie Horner, "The Smack in School."
Chorus by School—"Soldiers of the New-Born King."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CONCERT.

The Sunday School of the First Presbyterian church held a very enjoyable concert last evening the church being packed to capacity. The program as rendered follows:

Part 1.
School and Audience—Hymn 251.
Xmas Welcome from Superintendent—Mr. J. Ross.
Primary Class Exercises—In charge of Miss Wedderburn.
Solo in Xmas Carol—Miss Katie Mc-

Turkey Dinners in Construction Camps

Big Carload of Christmas Delicacies Has Been Sent to Head of Steel on the Grand Trunk Pacific Lines for the Laborers at Work There

Christmas cheer in the form of one big carload of dressed turkeys, in addition to other seasonal delicacies has gone to the scene of construction work on the main line of the G.T.P. west of the summit of the yellowhead pass, where nearly 2,000 laboring men of many families and nations will be going to spend their Christmas many miles away from home or friends, in the shadow of the sombre and lonely Rockies.

The Christmas supplies were sent west on Thursday so that they would be at their destination in ample time for the Christmas dinner which will be prepared in all the camps to be served tomorrow at noon. The great majority of the men in the construction camps are foreigners from continental Europe but there are some Canadians and men from the British Isles.

The principal camps are between Moose Lake, the present head of steel and Pete Juan Cache, at mile 49, B.C., where there is a great deal of heavy

rock work to be done before the right of way is in shape for the track-laying gang.

That all the laborers have not been forgotten at the Christmas season by their friends and relatives back in the home land is evidenced by the large number of Christmas parcels that have gone west through the mails during the past week or two. Packages of all shapes and sizes, containing Christmas cakes and puddings or little comforts in the way of articles of clothing carefully hand made in the old home have swelled the mail bags of Foley, Welch and Stewart to their utmost capacity.

Not all the Christmas mail has been travelling toward the mountain camps, however. Many a family on the other side of the Atlantic will receive as a Christmas box this year a substantial part of the earnings of the bread winner, who has been at work during the summer and the months of early winter in the rock cuts of the National Transcontinental.

POWER HOUSE MAKES MONTHLY CHARGES

Apportionment of Cost to Lighting and Street Railway Departments Are Low, While Charges to Waterworks Are Exceedingly High

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Total charges for November 1, \$16,261.74
Per kilowatt hour 03.44

Street Railway Department.
Total charges for November 1, \$18,385.98
Per kilowatt hour 02.78

Water Distribution Department.
Total charges for November 1, \$ 6,117.58
Per thousand gallons 06.7

Total power house operation 1, \$33,791.35

Power charges for November, apportioned to the three departments of public utilities dependent upon it, were submitted to the three departments last evening and these three departments are now closing their books and rendering their monthly statements to the commissioners. "The electric light de-

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SHUSTER MUST RESIGN POST

PERSIA AT LAST YIELDS TO DEMANDS OF CAZAR IN ORDER TO AVERY A CONFLICT

(Western Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 23.—Persia today yielded to the demand of the Russian ultimatum that W. Morgan Shuster, an American, who holds the post of treasurer-general in the Persian government, be dismissed from the post of the Persian government. The Russian ultimatum also calls for the payment of an indemnity, which is to reimburse Russia for money expended in sending an armed expedition into Persia to enforce her demands.

Mr. Shuster's administration of Persian finances has been displeasing to Russia from the start and when he caused the seizure of property belonging to the brother of the ex-Shah, over the protest of the Russian vice-consul Russia at first demand on apology, and when this was not forthcoming, called for the dismissal of Shuster. The Persian charge d'affaires at St. Petersburg called at the Russian foreign office late today to announce officially his government's decision to abide by the terms of the ultimatum. Up to a late hour tonight, however, no public announcement had been made at Teheran of the recession of Persia from the demand. The decision finally took against the demands of the Czar's ministers even in the face of threatened aggression.

The delay in making public that fact that he had yielded to the Russian demands probably was through fear of the consequences of public resentment. Mr. Shuster still is without formal notice of his dismissal. He is resolute in declaring that he would have nothing to do with the negotiations and would only recognize the right of the national council to dispense with his services.

TARIFF CONFLICT IS NOW PROMISED

DUMA PROPOSES TO INCREASE DUTIES ON AMERICAN GOODS—COMMISSION TO DECIDE

(Western Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—A legislative proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the Russo-American treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832 has been introduced into the Duma by ex-President Guitchikoff and other signers representing the parties who have formed the majority of the Duma. The bill proposes to raise existing Russian duties by 100 per cent and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent on articles which are admitted free under the present Russian tariff.

Besides these impositions the bill proposes also to levy double gross weight that has been established by the law of June 21, 1901, on merchandise tonnage tax. Should the present American tonnage tax be raised to the disfavor of Russian vessels, then the Russian tonnage tax will be correspondingly increased. It is stated that the schedules are to be applicable to all countries which do not grant to Russia the most favored nation treatment in commerce and navigation.

The proposal will be submitted to a financial commission. The authority for the proposed legislation is explained in an accompanying declaration in which it is stated that the regular American tariff schedules which will be applicable to Russian goods at the expiration of the treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832 will be so high as to be of a prohibitive character and that they greatly exceed the Russian normal tariff and navigation taxes which would be naturally applicable to American goods in the absence of the treaty.

WESTERN MILLS TO BE ERECTED

OGLIVIE'S DECIDE TO ESTABLISH A NEW PLANT SOMEWHERE IN THE WEST

Montreal, Dec. 23.—In an interview today, F. W. Thompson, vice-president and managing director of the Oglivie Flour Mills Company, Ltd., confirmed the report that the directors of the Oglivie Flour Company had decided upon the construction of a large milling plant at some central point west of Winnipeg.

"The fact is," Mr. Thompson said, "that the increasing demand for the standard products of the company has for some time past taxed our mills to the utmost and additional capacity in the far west is an imperative necessity."

"A. E. Black, general manager of the company is leaving for the West in a few days to decide definitely upon the location and will complete all the necessary preliminary arrangements. The construction of the mills, elevators and warehouses which are to be fireproof, will be started as early as possible and we expect to have the entire plant completed and ready for operation in time to handle next year's crop."

"The initial capacity of the new mill will be 2,000 barrels per day with elevator capacity of 500,000 bushels; the flour warehouse will allow the storage of 100,000 bags of flour. The entire plant will be equipped with the most modern machinery in every department and the building will be so designed that this capacity can be increased in the future as circumstances may demand."

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